**Central assistance for flood relief to Kerala**

@2591. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kerala Government has sought financial assistance of Rs. 93 crores for flood relief;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government have decided to sanction the amount as financial assistance; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. State Government of Kerala have submitted a memorandum seeking Central assistance of Rs. 92.86 crores for relief in the wake of natural calamities in the current year.

(b) and (c) Ceilings of expenditure of Rs. 10.55 crores have been approved for the State of Kerala for relief during the year.

**Affairs of National Confederation of Bank Employees Staff Cooperative Thrift and Credit Society Ltd.**

2592. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fixed deposit cases made with the National Confederation of Bank Employees (Urban) Staff Cooperative Thrift and Credit Society Ltd., New Delhi issued on February, 1985 and the interest given by the said society through chaque but the same is not credited by the bank (State Bank of India, Connaught Circus, New Delhi).

(b) whether Government have received any complaint in this regard from the depositors for non refund of their full amount and interest thereon; and

(c) if so, whether Government had made any inquiry in this regard and if so, the findings thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The Society has received 345 fixed deposits and it has issued 39 chaques out of which 34 were issued for refund of 50 per cent of principal and interest. The remaining five cheques were towards payment of full principal amount and interest which were not cleared by the Bank due to absence of credit balance in the accounts of the Society.

(b) and (c) The Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Delhi on receipt of various representations from depositors, instituted an inquiry under Section 55 of the Delhi Cooperative Societies' Act and on the basis of inquiry report, placed the Society under liquidation. During the course of liquidation proceedings, the depositors will get payments as per their entitlements under the relevant Act and Rules.

**Recommendation of the technology mission for supply of safe drinking water**

2593. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the technology mission was consulted in regard to the out-break of cholera in Delhi to suggest better methods of supply of safe drinking water in the semi-urban areas;

(b) if so, the opinion of the technology mission regarding causes of the recent outbreak which is essentially water borne;

(c) the remedies suggested to deal with the present situation and safeguards for the future; and

@Previously Unstarred Question 1689, transferred from the 24th November, 1988.

(d) Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Technology Mission did not give any report on the cause of outbreak of Cholera but made the following suggestions to deal with the situation:—

(i) Steps should be taken to immediately seal off the contaminated shallow hand pumps. They should be painted red and a board should be placed warning people not to use water for drinking and cooking purposes.

(ii) Tubewells should be drilled below the clay bed level so that the water tapped would be of safe quality.

(iii) As a medium terms measure Delhi Administration should immediately prepare a proposal for network of water quality testing facilities.

(d) Following action has been taken by the Government:—

(i) Shallow hand pumps were painted with red colour and people were advised not to use water of these hand pumps for drinking purposes. About 450 shallow hand pumps which were located along the sullage drains were made nonfunctional by removing their handles.

(ii) The services of Central Ground Water Board were obtained in drilling of deep bore hand pumps. Drilling is being done deeper and below the clay bed level as per recommendations of Technology Mission and top 6 meters of the bore is being sealed to avoid any surface pollution.

(iii) For testing the quality of water, scientists and doctors had arrived from National Environmental Engineering Research Institute and Indian Toxicology Research Centre, Lucknow. Additional laboratory facilities have been provided at Okhla for better control over quality in distribution net work. Existing testing facilities in the laboratories at water treatment plants are also being strengthened.

(iv) 110 deep bore hand pumps were installed in the first phase upto the end of August, 1988. In the 2nd phase over 300 deep bore hand pumps have been installed.

(v) Out of 44 resettlement colonies 43 colonies have already been provided with filtered water supply. In one colony of Mangol Puri, located in the rural area, drinking water is supplied from tubewell as there is no source of filtered water in that area. Water supply has also been supplemented with deep tubewells and over 400 deep hand pumps.

**Banning of use of Hazardous Pesticides**

2594. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pesticides Action Network on International Organisation has recently appealed to ban the use of some hazardous pesticides in India and other third world countries;

(b) if so, the names of those hazardous pesticides; and

(c) the steps being taken to stop the use of those pesticides?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The names of these pesticides are Parathion, 2,4,5-T; Paraquat, DDT. Aldrin; Dieldrin, Endrin, Chlordimeform, DBCP, Chlordane, Heptachlor, HCH, Lindane, EDB, Toxaphene, Pentachlorphen (PCP).

(c) Out of the pesticides listed in part (b) above, parathion, 2,4,5-T, Endrin, Chlordimeform, DBCP and Toxaphene are not allowed to be used in India. Similarly, use of Dieldrin and EDB is restricted.